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SUBJECT: NEW TRAVEL REGULATION FOR MISSIONS IN SOVIET UNION

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REF: (A) USNATO 1054

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1. CONSENSUS OF POLADS MEETING MARCH 5 WAS THAT SOVIET NOTES TO NATO EMBASSIES CONTAINING NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS WERE IDENTICAL. BELGIAN REP OBSERVED THAT NATO MISSIONS IN MOSCOW WERE DISCUSSING THE NEW SOVIET REGULATIONS. HE SUGGESTED POLADS MIGHT AWAIT EMBASSIES' EVALUATION BEFORE FURTHER CONSIDERATION HERE OF WESTERN RESPONSE TO SOVIET INITIATIVE.

2. U.S. REP DREW UPON REF C TO INDICATE TWO-PART RESPONSE WASHINGTON WAS CONSIDERING, AND THAT U.S. MIGHT GRANT PARALLEL RELAXATION ON SOVIET TRAVEL APRIL 5.

3. NORWEGIAN POSITION, STRONGLY SECONDED BY UK REP IN PARTICULAR  
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AND ALSO BY NETHERLANDS, FRENCH, AND CANADIAN POLADS, WAS THAT ALLIES SHOULD AWAIT ACUTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW REGULATIONS AFTER APRIL 5, AND NOT GRANT ANY RECIPROCAL RELAXATION UNTIL EVALUATION OF HOW NEW SOVIET MEASURES WERE ACTUALLY APPLIES.

U.S. REP SAID HE WOULD RELAY THESE POSITIONS TO WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE WE ARE ATTRACTED BY ALLIED  
SUGGESTION TO WAIT AND SEE HOW NEW SOVIET MEASURES ARE ACTUALLY  
APPLIED BEFORE TAKING ANY POSITIVE RECIPROCAL STEP. PERHAPS THIS  
APPROACH COULD ACCORD WITH SECOND PART OF RESPONSE DEPARTMENT IS  
CONSIDERING, A PROPOSAL TO REMOVE OTHER RESTRAINTS ON TRAVEL.  
HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE ALLIED POSITIONS INTO ACCOUNT IN DECIDING  
ON RESPONSE TO SOVIET RELAXATION OF TRAVEL CONTROLS  
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